

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
December 11, 2019**

This meeting was advertised in the Hunterdon County Democrat, and notice posted in the
Alexandria Township Municipal Offices and the Alexandria Township Website,
(www.alexandrianj.gov) as required by the Open Public Meetings Act.

Meeting Called to order at 7:35 PM.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Garay, Committeeman Pfefferle, Committeeman Kiernan, Township Attorney Dragan

ABSENT: None

FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Garay led the flag salute.

Environmental Commission (EC):

EC Member Jackie Freedman noted the following:

- Debriefing of Autumnfest
- Per-and Poly Fluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) testing being brought down further on Senator Stout Road.
- Discussed solar on barn roof

Open Space/Farmland Preservation Commission:

No report

Aging Coordinator Report:

Mayor Garay noted the following:

- Cookie exchange and regular activities have been ongoing
- Daytime trip to Wind Creek scheduled for January 23rd

Finance Update/Comm. Pfefferle:

No report

DPW/Park & Rec-Comm. Kiernan:

Comm. Kiernan noted there is no report for Park/Rec and read the following report prepared by DPW Foreman Heiser:

Roads:

- Asphalt on Race Street and Whitehall Rd.
- Graded Whitehall Rd. dirt section.
- Cleaned inlets and run-offs on Goritz Rd. after rains
- Trees downed by wind and rains on Woolf and Rick roads.
- Tree downed Thanksgiving morning on Sweet Hollow Rd. Road closed signs had to be put up. One was stolen.

- Fixed signs that people tried to steal on Goritz and Sweet Hollow Rd. Mr. Crouse heard something around 11:30 PM and turned his porch light on and they took off.
- Replaced Airport Road signs by Alexandria Field. There was graffiti on them, reported by Comm. Pfefferle. The County donated the signs to us. I am aware they don't quite match the old ones.
- Started putting fiberglass snow stakes in.
- Blowing leaves and roadside boom mowing.
- Road check and catch basins cleaned before and after wind and rains
- Checked Hemmingway Drive- there is some transverse cracking going on, Twp. Eng. Tom Decker said "He isn't overly concerned about them, as they should not spread." Catch basins seem to be in good condition. There are only about 5 in the road.
- Met with Comm. Kiernan about an apron at #440 Sweet Hollow Rd. Determined not to give an asphalt apron.

Park:

- Last mowing of the year 16 hrs. by part-time employee.
- Trash at the park was changed twice this month 4 hrs.

Maintenance:

- Got all trucks setup for winter season and moved shops around.
- Loader bucket locking pins were fixed
- Body was mounted on Truck #52. Lights and wiring are being upgraded.
- Truck #88 the transmission computer went south and shut the whole truck down. We should be getting the part shortly. (\$3400) ☹️
- Park equipment has been washed and stored away.

Administrator Report:

Clerk/Administrator Bobrowski reported the following:

- Computers arrived today and being installed on 12/19 & 12/20
- Worked with Twp. Planner David Banisch on some loose ends in regard to COAH. The Court Master is requiring an additional ordinance to be passed by February 27, 2020. The ordinance will be introduced for the January 8, 2020 meeting.
- Residents are enjoying the free daily shredding at the municipal building
- Dealt with Court personnel matters
- Working with Statewide and Groendyke Insurance for a hold harmless agreement for the PTO to hold Autumnfest at the park.
- Dealt with building department personnel matters
- Reviewed purchasing policy drafted by Deputy Clerk Houck. Policy was sent to Twp. Atty. Dragan for review
- Working on year end policy reminders for all staff.
- Looking to hold a Government Day at the municipal offices on April 23rd.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Barn Roof Discussion

Mayor Garay has not been able to speak with Bill Millette from the County in regard to grant opportunities that the Township can possibly pursue for the park barn roof. Mayor

Garay is going to go to the County and meet with Mr. Millette. The Township Committee would like to know the following before proceeding:

- 1.) Is the Township responsible for matching funds
- 2.) What money exactly is available
- 3.) Deadlines to apply
- 4.) What can the money be used for ex: repairs, upgrade, open space, etc.

Mayor Garay also noted that two new individuals are interested in joining the park barn sub-committee.

- Auction of Township Properties

Twp. Atty. Dragan is waiting on one title search for B-4, L-45

- Ordinance 2019-013 Amending the Salary Ordinance to Include the Position of Municipal Housing Liaison-**2nd Reading**

Comm. Kiernan made a motion, seconded by Comm. Pfefferle to open public comment for Ordinance 2019-013.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Pfefferle, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Comm. Kiernan to close public comment for Ordinance 2019-013.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Pfefferle, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Comm. Kiernan to adopt Ordinance 2019-013.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Pfefferle, Kiernan

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

**ORDINANCE # 2019-013 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF
HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE POSITION OF
MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIASION AND AMENDING THE SALARY OF DEPUTY CLERK**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Alexandria, in the County of Hunterdon, and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. The schedule of salaries for the various officers and employees of the Township shall be as follows:

| SALARY RANGE | | |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| TITLE | | |
| Township Committeemen | 0 | 10,000.00 |
| Township Clerk | 40,000.00 | 70,000.00 |
| Deputy Clerk | 10,000.00 | 50,000.00 |
| Chief Financial Officer | 25,000.00 | 45,000.00 |
| Assistant to the CFO | 10,000.00 | 30,000.00 |
| Tax Assessor | 25,000.00 | 40,000.00 |
| Tax Collector | 25,000.00 | 40,000.00 |
| Zoning Officer | 7,000.00 | 12,000.00 |
| Registrar of Vital Statistics | 1,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Deputy Registrar | 100.00 | 500.00 |
| Percolation Test Witness | PER FEE SCHEDULE | |
| Land Use Board Recording Clerk | 20.00 Per Hour | 30.00 Per Hour |
| Land Use Board Recording Clerk | 200.00 Per Meeting | 300.00 Per Meeting |
| Board of Health Secretary | 1,000.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator/911 Coordinator | 2,000.00 | 4,000.00 |
| Deputy Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator | 400.00 | 900.00 |
| Fire Prevention Official | 6,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Clerical Help | 10.00 Per Hour | 25.00 Per Hour |
| Dept. of Public Works Personnel | | Per signed Contract |
| Recycling/Dumpster Attendant | 2,000.00 | 6,000.00 |
| Construction Official | 30.00 Per Hour | 60.00 Per Hour |
| Building Dept. Technical Assistant | 15.00 Per Hour | 25.00 Per Hour |

| | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Plumbing Sub Code Official | 30.00 Per Hour | 60.00 Per Hour |
| Electrical Sub Code Official | 30.00 Per Hour | 60.00 Per Hour |
| Electrical Inspector | 30.00 Per Hour | 60.00 Per Hour |
| Fire Code Official | 30.00 Per Hour | 60.00 Per Hour |
| Fire Sub Code Official | 30.00 Per Hour | 60.00 Per Hour |
| Municipal Housing Liaison | 1,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Municipal Court Judge | 9,000.00 | 20,000.00 |
| Municipal Court Administrator | 10,000.00 | 60,000.00 |
| Deputy Court Administrator | 20.00 Per Hour | 30.00 Per Hour |
| Municipal Court Prosecutor | 3,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Public Defender | 750.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Court Security | 20.00 Per Hour | 30.00 Per Hour |
| Court Runner | 10.00 Per Hour | 20.00 Per Hour |
| Senior Working Foreman | 10.00 Per Hour | \$100.00 Per Hour |
| Seasonal Snow Plow Operator | \$20.00 | \$35.00 |
| Park/Rec Seasonal Employee | \$10.00 | \$25.00 |
| Dog Warden | | Per Contract |
| Custodial | 5,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Housing Administrator | 0 | 5,000.00 |
| Township Administrator | 10,000.00 | 20,000.00 |
| Municipal Clerk Special Meetings | 200.00 Per Meeting | 300.00 Per Meeting |

All authorized township officials or employees of the township while on official business for the township, when a sworn voucher is approved by the Township Committee, shall be paid per IRS publication per mile for use of their own personal vehicle.

Section 2: Health benefits are paid for full-time employees with scheduled work hours over 32 hours per week, with state mandated employee contributions per N.J.S.A. Chapter 78 P.L.211

Section 3: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to law.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Resolution 2019-100 Adopting a Domestic Violence Policy
Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Comm. Kiernan to approve Resolution 2019-100.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Pfefferle, Kiernan

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2019-100 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY IN CONNECTION WITH THE BIDS REQUESTED FOR SOLID WASTE HAULING AND DISPOSAL SERVICES FROM THE ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE

WHEREAS, the Township of Alexandria ("Township") publicly advertised for bid proposals for certain Solid Waste Hauling and Disposal Services from the Alexandria Township Department of Public Works Garage (hereinafter referred to as "the Garbage Bid"); and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2019, the Township Administrator/Clerk conducted the bid opening whereupon the total number of bidders for the Garbage Bid was one (1), submitted by Republic Services of New Jersey (hereinafter "Republic" or the "Bidder"); and

WHEREAS, upon review of the bid, the Township Attorney determined that the proposal submitted by Republic contained a sheet with several proposed revisions to the Township's form contract which was included with the bid specifications. The proposed changes included, among other things, conditions of the terms of payment, liability and rights of termination. Such changes to the terms of the contract constituted an unacceptable counteroffer to the Township's specifications which, if even if found acceptable, would have given an advantage to Republic over other potential bidders, thus creating an un-level playing field; and

WHEREAS, the Township's specifications stated that the bid would be awarded to the "lowest responsible bidder", which according to the New Jersey Local Public Contracts law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(27) means the lowest bidder who is both "responsive" and "responsible"; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 defines "responsive" as conforming in all material respects to the terms, conditions, specifications, legal requirements and other provisions of the request; and

WHEREAS, to permit a bidder to ignore the requirements of the specifications with respect to a material item (in this case the contract) would give it an advantage over others and may open the door to fraud and favoritism and defeat the statutory purpose of protection to the taxpayer; Meadowbrook Carting Co., 138 N.J. 323, quoting Tufano v. Borough of Cliff Side Park, 110 N.J.L. 370, 373 (Sup. Ct. 1932); and

WHEREAS, in addition to the reasons set forth above, under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2, the Township may also reject all bids if it wishes to substantially revise the specifications for the goods or services,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Township Committee hereby rejects the bid submitted by Republic Services of New Jersey for the Solid Waste Hauling and Disposal Services from the Alexandria Township Department of Public Works Garage as non-responsive, for the reasons set forth in the preamble above. In addition, the Township finds that waiving the requirements of its form contract and accepting the additional conditions submitted by Republic contract would deprive the Township of its assurances that the contract would be entered into, performed and guaranteed according to the Township's specified requirements and that the waiver of its contractual requirements as specified would place the Bidder in a position of advantage over other potential bidders; this would work to undermine the necessary common standard of competition. Meadowbrook Carting, 138 N.J. at 315 and would therefore violate the purposes of the Local Public Contracts Law. N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2

2. In addition to the above, the Township wishes to substantially revise the specifications for the goods or services set forth in the bid and rejects the bid for this reason, as well.

3. This resolution shall be effectively immediately.

4. The Township Administrator/Clerk is authorized to notify the Bidder of this decision.

5. The Township Administrator/Clerk is authorized to rebid same, as well as to revise the specifications. The Garbage Bid shall be re-advertised so that all notification provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law are complied with.

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Township Committee of Alexandria Township at a public meeting held on November 13, 2019 by a vote of 3 for 0 and against.

- Resolution 2019-105 Appointment of Ryan Beenders as a Seasonal Snowplow Operator

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Comm. Kiernan to approve Resolution 2019-105.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Pfefferle, Kiernan

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION 2019-105 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPOINTMENT OF RYAN BEENDERS AS A SEASONAL DPW
SNOW PLOW OPERATOR**

WHEREAS, the Township of Alexandria needs a Seasonal DPW Snow Plow Operator, and;

WHEREAS, the Township Committee and Township Administrator advertised the position of Seasonal DPW Snow Plow Operator in the Hunterdon County Democrat, The Express Times and on the Township website, and;

WHEREAS, Ryan Beenders applied for the position and;

WHEREAS, based on his experience, the Township Committee wishes to hire Ryan Beenders as a Seasonal DPW Snow Plow Operator.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body, of the Township of Alexandria, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that Ryan Beenders be appointed Seasonal DPW Snow Plow Operator effective December 1, 2019 at an hourly rate of \$25.00. Hours of work will be at the discretion of the DPW Foreman on an “as needed” basis during inclement weather.

- Resolution 2019-106 Reimbursement of Out Of Pocket Expenses to Township Resident Michael Kelly for the Alexandria Township Boys Basketball Recreation Team 7-8

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Comm. Kiernan to approve Resolution 2019-106.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Pfefferle, Kiernan

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2019-106 FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REIMBURSING RESIDENT MICHAEL KELLY FOR OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES ON BEHALF OF THE ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP’S BOYS BASKETBALL TRAVEL TEAM FOR UNIFORM PURCHASE AND TEAM REGISTRATION AT HOOP HEAVEN

WHEREAS, the Township of Alexandria needs to purchase goods and services on behalf of the Township Basketball Recreation Program and such goods and services can’t be paid for by a Purchase Order, and

WHEREAS, Township Resident Michael Kelly has had to make the following out of pocket purchases on the behalf of the Township for the Alexandria Recreational Travel Basketball 7-8 Boys Team:

- All Sports Uniforms Purchase on November 25, 2018 for 11 Uniforms in the amount of \$516.89 (Receipt Attached)
- 2018 Winter Youth League Registration Purchase on November 8, 2018 in the amount of \$1,138.00 (Receipt Attached)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee, Township of Alexandria in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey approves the following:

- 1.) That Township Resident Michael Kelly be reimbursed for the above expenditures in the amount of \$1,654.89 as this is out of pocket money incurred by Township Resident Michael Kelly on behalf of the Township and
- 2.) That the Chief Finance Officer has attached his signature certifying the availability of funds are available for this reimbursement out of Account # 03-262-56-853-000 in the amount \$1,654.89.

ATTEST:

Michele Bobrowski, RMC/CMC
Township Clerk

Michelle Garay
Mayor

CFO CERTIFICATION:

1. Resolution 2019-106 the Alexandria Township Chief Financial Officer certifies that the following funds are available for reimbursement to Township Resident Michael Kelly.

Account# 03-262-56-853-000 Amount \$1,654.89

Ulrich Steinberg, CFO

Dated: _____

- Resolution 2019-107 Authorizing Release of a Driveway Bond for Frank Catchings, B-24, L-38.18-***Tabeled***

- Resolution 2019-108 Authorizing the Signing of Government Energy Aggregation Program Agreements

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Comm. Kiernan to approve Resolution 2019-108.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Pfefferle

Nay: Kiernan

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2019-108 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE HUNTERDON AREA ENERGY COOPERATIVE AND CERTAIN ENERGY AGGREGATION AGREEMENTS RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has been engaged in a process to establish a competitive marketplace through deregulation and restructuring the electric and natural gas utility markets pursuant to the Government Energy Act of 2003, N.J.S.A. 48:91-3 to-98 ("the Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Township Committee adopted ordinance #2019-011 on October 9, 2019, declaring its intention to begin a governmental energy aggregation program ("GEA Program") pursuant to the Act with the hope of providing residential ratepayers in the Township with an opportunity to reduce their electric bills through the bulk purchase of energy from a third-party energy supplier; and

WHEREAS, in order to further the purposes of the aforesaid ordinance and the GEA program established thereby, the Township Committee wishes to become a participating member in the Hunterdon Area Energy Cooperative Pricing System (also referred to herein as the "HAEC" or "Cooperative") and to authorize certain agreements in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Califon is the Lead Agency for the HAEC and is responsible for accepting or rejecting pricing on behalf of the Cooperative and its participating members; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Califon previously appointed Concord Engineering d/b/a Concord Engineering Services ("CES") and Concord Utility Consultants, Inc. ("CUC") to serve as Energy Agent to assist and administer the GEA program at no cost to the Borough of Califon, the HCEA or its participating members.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of Alexandria Township, County of Hunterdon in the State of New Jersey on this day of December 11, 2019 as follows:

1. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), on behalf of the Township, the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Hunterdon County Area Energy Cooperative, with Califon Borough as the Lead Agent responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey on behalf of the participating members of the Cooperative;

2. In connection with the aforesaid Cooperative agreement; the Township Committee hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign the following agreements on its behalf:

a. The professional services agreement between with Concord Engineering d/b/a Concord Energy Services ("CES")/ Commercial Utility Consultants, Inc. ("CUC").

b. The LDL agreement with JCP&L allowing the release of needed data and information related to the program;

c. The Cooperative Pricing Agreement Rider which permits the NJ Department of Community Affairs to add the Township as a participant in the HAEC.

d. A Supplier Agreement should the Borough of Califon accept pricing on behalf of the Cooperative which provides a savings on the supply portion of the electric bill for the residential energy aggregation program at the time of auction.

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

- Resolution 2019-111 2019 Appropriation Transfer # 2

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Comm. Kiernan to approve Resolution 2019-111.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Pfefferle, Kiernan

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 2019 –111 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY 2019 APPROPRIATIONS TRANSFERS (2nd APPROPRIATION)

WHEREAS, various 2019 bills have been presented for payment in the calendar year of 2019, which represent obligations of the fiscal year 2019 and insufficient balances exist in the appropriate budget accounts to cover the cost of these charges and / or anticipated costs prior to year-end, and

WHEREAS, excess fund balances exist in other budget accounts in the 2019 Budget in the last two months of the calendar year of 2019; and

WHEREAS, IT IS THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE Chief Financial Officer that transfer be made to cover the expenses and anticipated needs of various areas of operation, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-58 allows transfers to be made from unexpended balances to those which are expected to be insufficient during the last two months of the fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Committee of the Township of Alexandria, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, (2/3 of the majority of the full membership concurring herein) that the transfers as listed in the resolution be made between the 2019 Budget Appropriation as follows:

| | | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> . |
|------------------------|-----|-----------------|-----------------|
| Finance | O/E | 2,500.00 | |
| Liability Insurance | O/E | 2,500.00 | |
| Workers Comp Insurance | O/E | 1,500.00 | |
| Municipal Clerk | O/E | | 1,500.00 |
| Legal | O/E | | 5,000.00 |
| | | <u>6,500.00</u> | <u>6,500.00</u> |

| INTRODUCED | SECONDED | COMMITTEE | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|------------|----------|-----------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| | | Garay | X | | | |
| X | | Pfefferle | X | | | |
| | X | Kiernan | X | | | |

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Township Committee read the attached report for the month of December prepared by Township Engineer Decker.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- November 13, 2019 Township Committee Meeting
- November 13, 2019 Township Executive Session
- November 13, 2019 Special Executive Meeting
- November 27, 2019 Workshop Meeting
- November 27, 2019 Special Executive Meeting
- December 4, 2019 Special Township Meeting

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Comm. Kiernan to approve the meeting minutes of November 13, 2019 Township Executive Session and November 13, 2019 Special Executive Session.

Roll Call: Aye: Kiernan, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: Garay

Motion Carried

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Comm. Kiernan to approve the meeting minutes below of:

Roll Call: Aye: Kiernan, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: Garay

Motion Carried

- November 13, 2019 Township Committee Meeting
- November 27, 2019 Workshop Meeting
- November 27, 2019 Special Executive Meeting
- December 4, 2019 Special Township Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT ON GENERAL MATTERS:

Township Resident/Alexandria Equestrian Association (AEA) Member Judy Tucker and members of the AEA presented the Township Committee with a check in the amount of \$11,500.00 from events and rentals for 2019. \$10,600.00 will be placed in a CD. \$900.00 came from rentals. This is the 6th year that the AEA has raised money towards a new barn roof. There is currently \$50,000.00 in CD's and \$8,700.00 collected from barn rentals. The AEA will be 20 years old in 2020. The AEA has donated approximately \$32,000.00 to area organizations such as first-aid squads, fire departments, the Historical Society, Friends of Alexandria, and Grow-A-Row.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Correspondence was received from the State Agriculture Board Committee (SADC) stating that at this time the SADC will not proceed with applications for properties within the route of the proposed PennEast pipeline due to pending litigation between the State and PennEast. This includes applications where the landowner entered into a Right-of-Way agreement with PennEast.
- The State of New Jersey Department of Transportation has awarded Alexandria Township a grant in the amount a \$170,000.00 for Schaaf Road, Section II Project. This year 661 applications received funding totaling more than \$368 million. The Transportation Trust Fund is supported by the State gas tax is the source of the \$161.25 million funding for this program.

- JCP&L will be performing line clearance tree trimming in the Township along Company rights-of-way at Frenchtown Substation beginning January 2, 2020. This work will include the routine trimming of limbs to provide 4 years of clearance from electric wires, selective removal of limbs overhanging the electric conductors and removal of hazard trees that pose imminent risk to electric facilities. The following roads are:
Cedar Bridge Court
Creek Road
Everittstown Road
Frenchtown Road
Gallmeier Road
Kappus Road
Milford Frenchtown Road
Route 519
Stamets Road
Tinsman Road

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Comm. Kiernan to go into Executive Session. **(8:11 PM)**

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Pfefferle, Kiernan

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Open Public Meetings Act RESOLUTION- Executive Session

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 2:4-12, Open Public Meetings Act, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Alexandria, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - _____ A confidential or excluded matter under Federal or State Law or Court Rule.
 - _____ A matter involving information that may impair the Township's rights to receive funds from the United States Government.
 - _____ A matter constituting an unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy rights.
 - _____ Collective Bargaining Agreement or negotiation of the Agreement.
 - _____ Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds which it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion were disclosed.

- _____ Tactics and techniques to protect the safety and property of the public, including investigations of violations or potential violations of the law.
 - ☒ Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations in which the public body is or may become a party.
Delaware River Tubing
Penn East Pipeline Co. LLC v. Kroese, et. al.
 - ☒ Matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.
Beneduce Vineyards
Latter House of Glory
 - ☒ Personnel matters involving a specific employee or officer of the Township.
Personnel Matters
 - _____ Deliberations of the Township occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific penalty or suspension or loss of a license or permit.
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above matter will be made public: at the conclusion of the litigation and at such time as attorney client confidentiality is no longer needed to protect confidentiality and litigation strategy.
 4. The executive session minutes will be placed on file in the township clerk's office, and will be available to the public as provided for by New Jersey law.
 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Comm. Kiernan to return to Public Session **(8:43 PM)**.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Pfefferle, Kiernan

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

BILL LIST:

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Comm. Kiernan to approve the December 11, 2019 bill list with the exception of professional bills for Township Engineer Decker, Township Planner Banisch, and Labor Attorney Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC Law Firm.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Kiernan, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

The following matters were discussed in Executive Session:

- Delaware River Tubing (DRT)

Municipal Court Date is January 8th for summonses issued. As per the Superior Court Judge, Delaware River Tubing needs to apply to the Land Use Board in January to request additional parking.

- Penn East

No Update

- Beneduce Vineyards

December 12, 2019 meeting has been postponed

- Personnel

Matter to Stay in Executive Session

- Latter House of Glory

Matter to Stay in Executive Session

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Comm. Kiernan to adjourn at 8:47PM.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Pfefferle, Kiernan

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Michele Bobrowski, CMC/RMC

Township Clerk

I hereby certify that I have reviewed these Minutes of the Township Committee Meeting of December 11, 2019 and certify that said Minutes were approved by the Township Committee on the 8th day of January 2020.

Gabe Plumer, Mayor